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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Callahan

DATE: 11/15/68

FROM: J. P. Dunphy

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King.

SAC Jensen, Memphis Division, advises that Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, who will prosecute subject Ray in State Court, has renewed his request for a three-dimensional model of the crime scene in this case. This model to be utilized during the trial.

Memorandum Mr. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach 10/31/68 advised that Canale desired, if possible, that such an exhibit be prepared for trial but was informed this could not be done because of the very short period of time before start of the trial which was then scheduled for 11/12/68.

The trial has been reset to 3/3/69 at the request of Ray's new attorney. This gives us sufficient time to conduct the necessary survey and thereafter construct the requested exhibit. SAC Jensen advises Attorney Canale stated a three-dimensional model would be of immeasurable assistance in the prosecution in this matter and the SAC is of the opinion a model would be a definite assistance and would reflect most favorably on the Bureau.

Normally we do not construct trial models for State cases in view of the multitude of requests we would receive and the normal heavy workload we carry. Exceptions, however, have been made upon approval of the Director in unusual major cases. The last of these was the trial of Richard Speck in Peoria, Illinois, in 1967 for the murder of the eight nurses in Chicago. It is felt since we now have sufficient time to construct the trial model and in view of the great national and international interest in this trial, that the Bureau should render this assistance.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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That the Exhibits Section prepare the requested three-dimensional trial model.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. R. E. Long (Rm. 2260)

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